

Submitter: Beach Pace

On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital
Construction

Measure: HB5201

To: Joint Committee on Capital Construction

From: Beach Pace, Hillsboro City Councilor

Subject: \$15 million in support for of Major League Baseball staying in Oregon

Members of the Joint Committee on Capital Construction,

I urge you to approve the funding request to the Eugene Emeralds and the Hillsboro Hops. These funds will go to support the building of stadiums that will not only support Major League Baseball in these cities but support the surrounding communities as well.

In the case of the Hillsboro Hops, they have been great community partners and have secured funding of \$85 million on their own. Washington County and other organizations have also committed support.

The Hops have been great partners in Hillsboro, Washington County and beyond. In addition to providing great baseball, they provide transformative workforce development opportunities and professional growth for people new or returning to the workforce. They also donate to community causes via local non-profits. This investment will also create construction jobs.

For those of you who have no interest in baseball, please know that there will also be significant use of the stadium in Hillsboro for concerts and community events. This investment will provide a great space for anyone to gather to hear their favorite music or attend events that further community connections.

Community is really what this is about. This investment would help bring communities together which is especially important now. People can cheer, celebrate, and come together for whatever reason brings them to the stadiums.

I urge you to support the full amount of funding requests for both Eugene and Hillsboro knowing that this investment will have positive community ripple effects well into the future. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Beach Pace
Hillsboro City Councilor